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1. The following vessels and cargo operations were observed in the port of Durres:

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
SS CHIATURY (Soviet)	26 July 1954	Arrived at Durres at 8:00 A.M. on this date. At 10:00 approximately 20 passengers, members of the Soviet and Polish embassies, debarked. From 12:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. blocs of iron were unloaded.
		On 27 July 1954 an unspecified quantity of crates measuring 6 x 6 m. were unloaded.
SS LEWANT (Polish)	22 July 1954	This vessel entered the port of Durres at 5:00 A.M. on the morning of 22 July 1954; started unloading its cargo at 8:00 A.M. and continued until 10:00 P.M. without interruption. Judging from the care with which the cargo was handled it is believed that the small wooden cases which were unloaded contained explosives. ¹ These wooden cases were being loaded on trucks at the rate of 40 cases per truck and 6 trucks per hour. This continued for 14 hours. These trucks were given a military

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<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
SS LEWANT (Cont'd) (Polish)	22 July 1954	<p>motorcycle escort through Durres. The guards were armed with Enfield type rifles. On the following day, 23 July 1954, similar type cases were unloaded, which supposedly contained small arms ammunition, and loaded on trucks.</p> <p>On 24 July 1954 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. anti-tank mines were unloaded. They were of a square container type with a spiral spring in the center and attached to the cover (sic). An estimated 4,000 mines were unloaded. Vehicles transporting the mines from the dock area were escorted by armed guards who sat in the cabin with the driver. From 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. cases of rifles were unloaded. Some small barrels containing gunpowder were also noticed.</p> <p>On 25 July 1954, chrome ore was loaded and loading operations continued until 11:00 P.M. at which time the vessel left for Poland.</p>
SS MARCHELEWSKI (Polish)	22 July 1954	<p>At the port of Durres she unloaded the following cargo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From hold No. 1 - cases of rifles and machine guns. b. From hold No. 2 - cases probably containing cloth. c. From hold No. 3 - small steel plates $\frac{1}{2}$ cm. in diameter. Skeins of wire (or steel cable?). Crates containing general cargo. <p>Cargo operations continued from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.</p> <p>This vessel loaded chrome ore for Poland. 2</p>
SS NOGIN (Soviet)	(?) July 1954	<p>At the port of Durres, the following cargo unloading operations were observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. An undetermined number of small arms and ammunition. b. Two large electric pumps which were left on the docks for two days. c. Railroad tracks. d. Iron pipes 12 meters long and 10 cms in diameter. e. An undetermined number of small steel discs $\frac{1}{2}$ cm. in diameter.

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<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
SS NOGIN (Cont'd)	(?) July 1954	f. Approximately 300 steel telegraph poles. g. Approximately 20 boxes measuring 4 x 4 meters containing machine items.
	22 July 1954	Left Durres for Poland after loading a cargo of chrome ore. 3

2. The following items were observed on the docks:

- Casks of asphalt on the docks and on railroad cars.
- Steel wire or cable.
- Steel telegraph poles.
- Iron blocks.
- Steel tubes.
- Cases containing sundry items of cargo.
- Crates containing machinery.

Comments:

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1. [redacted] the SS LEWANT arrived at Durres on 21 July 1954 from Gaynia with 8 tons (264 cases) of gunpowder in addition to other cargo.
2. [redacted] 2,310 tons of chrome ore were loaded on 23 July 1954.
3. This information does not agree [redacted] that the SS NOGIN left Durres on 22 July 1954 for Vlone and then returned to Durres on 23 July 1954 to load 2,600 tons of asphalt.

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